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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2000-262871, published September 26, 2000 (with English Abstract).
2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-502793, published February 27, 2001 (with English Abstract).
3. International Patent Publication No. WO 02/23180, published March 21, 2002 (with English Abstract).

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4. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-222611, published August 8, 2003 (with English Abstract).
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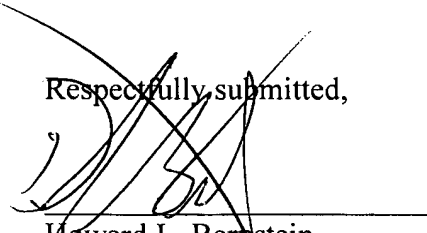
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